As we age, we build an incredible amount of momentum!

Older New Yorkers across the five boroughs and state are using that momentum to power up the economy, the political system and our communities. Unfortunately, New York does not have the needed supports to help harness the energy that each of the 3 million older people in New York can bring.

Although the United States has experienced a decline in the national poverty rate for older people, we know that older New Yorkers are increasingly living in poverty, with recent data showing that one in five are poor.

Further, the average annual income for older New Yorkers is often inadequate to cover the high cost of living but does not allow many to qualify for public assistance benefits.

At LiveOn NY, we are working to make sure that all older people have what they need so that they can contribute all of the energy, power and momentum that comes with aging and move New York forward. Our work is making sure we create and sustain the infrastructure that is needed to harness the incredible momentum in later life.

We are working to ensure that the momentum in later life becomes a reality by:

1. Supporting our members that run senior services programs
2. Advocating for members and seniors on city and state budgets, against elder abuse, for affordable housing, to help elder immigrants, and for rights and support to caregivers.
3. Providing education and training to the aging services workforce
4. Assisting thousands of older people so they can receive the benefits to help them purchase food and afford rent
Advocating for Policies that Work

City Budget Campaign

Successfully advocated for investing in New York City senior services that resulted in a remarkable influx of $22.9 million of baselined funding allocated for the Department for the Aging (DFTA) programs. This is an historic addition of funding and is the most successful increase in 15 years. In addition, City Council allocated over $15 million for senior services through Schedule C allocations plus additional funding for community organizations.

Coordinated a letter writing campaign to advocate for funding in the city and state budgets, resulted in over 40,000 letter sent from seniors to local and state political leaders.

Coordinated our Annual City Advocacy Day where 400 Seniors came to City Hall to advocate the "Year of the Senior"! In addition, members had meetings and press conferences at their centers and programs with their elected officials and seniors attended the Budget Hearings in force!

Statewide Campaign

Successfully advocated for investing in statewide senior services by joining a statewide coalition of affordable housing advocates across the spectrum to advocate for New York State’s first affordable senior housing capital funding stream, with an initial investment of $125 million dollars.
Educating the Aging Service Workforce

Provided timely and relevant training and workshops to over 1,200 professionals, topics of discussion included leadership development, fiscal management, mental health first aid, fall prevention, benefits and entitlements, sexuality & aging, advocacy and much much more!

Our Annual Conference brought together key stakeholders and professionals for a full day of education and networking to strengthen the aging service workforce. Our Keynote, Moira O’Neal of FrameWorks Institute presented a fascinating and compelling presentation the pioneering approach to reframe the way we talk about aging and the work that we do.

Capacity Building

Provided over 1,000 hours of Technical Assistance to members to support the strategic, programmatic and fiscal development of the aging network.

Improved Economic Security for Older New Yorkers

Walked over 3,500 older New Yorkers through the process of applying for SNAP (food stamp) benefits so that they do not have to live in hunger.

Met with and helped over 550 older people apply for and receive the Senior Rent Freeze (SCRIE) program which will save them approximately $1 million in collective rental costs.

Helped over 150 older adults with medical related benefits to decrease costs of Medicare premiums, medications, and other health care costs.

This work translates into a collective $3M in seniors’ pockets – preventing them from having to make the daily choice between food, medicine and housing.
OUR PLANS

Over the next year, we will continue to work with our current membership to deepen our impact and make sure we create and sustain the infrastructure that is needed to harness the incredible momentum in later life. Together with your support we are turning compassion into action and truly making New York a better place to age.

Widening Our Reach & Impact

Organize and advocate during the City’s election year to ensure that the needs of older people are represented

Continue to invest in the aging service workforce and our member agencies by providing needed technical assistance and education

Invest in policy initiatives that change entire systems from creating more affordable housing options to developing better financial protections as we age

Continue to Assist Older Adults

Reach several thousands of older people suffering through hunger and financial insecurity to educate them about needed financial assistance and resources

Through our program – The New York Senior Medicare Patrol – educate thousands of older people on fraud and how they can report abuse

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